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Governor Schwarzenegger has issued the following statement on the death of two DWR employees:

"Martin Alvarado and Tim Crawford gave their lives serving the people of California to keep us safe and the state's water system secure. They were highly qualified and dedicated to their professions. Words cannot express the gratitude we owe them nor the profound grief Maria and I share with their family, friends and co-workers."

Alvarado, 44, served the Department of Water Resources for six years. Crawford, 50, served the Department of Water Resources for 18 years.

The divers died on February 7 during a routine underwater dive at the Dos Amigos Pumping Plant in Merced County.

In honor of Alvarado and Crawford, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.